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Ranong is situated in the Kra Isthmus facing Indian Ocean. It is Thailand's least populated province. Ranong borders The Union of Myanmar at Victoria Point, a village famous for Burmese gems and other local products.

Ranong covers an area of 3,298 square kilometers and divided into 4 Amphoes and 1 King Amphoe : Muang, Kra Buri, Kapoe, La-un, and King Amphoe Suk Samran. Ranong is 568 kilometres south of Bangkok, travelling by Highways No. 35 and No. 4 via Samut Sakhon, Phetchaburi, Prachuap and Chumphon.

Transportation to Ranong

By Bus There are public buses (non air-conditioned) leave daily from the Southern Bus Terminal on Pinklao-Nakhon Chaisi Road, Tel. 4345557-8. For air-conditioned coaches, there are 2 companies run on alternating days : Chok Anan Tour, Tel. 4357429, 4355027-9 and Mit Tour, Tel. 2816939, 4355020.

By Rail Ranong itself is not accessible by train. However, visitors who prefer travelling by train can go as far as Chumphon and take a bus for another 119 kilometers to Ranong.

By Air Take a domestic flight of Thai Airways International Ltd. to Surat Thani (Please call 2800070, 2800080 for further information) and change for a taxi to Ranong. Travelling service of Jansom Thara Hotel, Ranong, is also available. The distance between Surat Thani and Ranong is 223 kilometers.

Attractions

Amphoe Muang

Hot Springs (บ่อน้ำร้อน สวนรุกขชาติรักษะวาริน) Wat Tapotharam, about one kilometre from Ranong township, along Highway No. 4005 (Chon Ra-u Rd) is the site of a thermal spring. The temperature of the water is about 65 degrees celcius. The deep shaded forest surrounding the hot spring is very lovely and is maintained as an arboratum named "Raksa Warin" by the Municipality having rest pavilions and bath rooms.

Namtok Punyaban (น้ำตกบุญบันดาล) Another name of this waterfall is "Namtok Set Takuat", located on Kra Buri-Ranong Road at km. 588-589, 15 kms before Ranong township area. The waterfall itself cascades from a high cliff and makes a refreshing rest stop for motorist touring along the south.

Namtok Ngao (น้ำตกหงาว) It is located at Km. 626 of Highway No. 4 (the way to Phangnga), 12 kms. from Ranong Township, in the area of Khlong Phlao National Park. Namtok Ngao is a big waterfall, which its whole stream cascades from a high mountain and can be seen afar. The beautiful scenery of mountains and pastures is visible from the resting area near the fall. Furthermore, there is a new species of the freshwater crabs endemic

to Thailand, 'Pu Chao Fa', found only in the area around Namtok Ngao.

Hat Chan Damri (หาดชาญดำริ) Situated near km. 8 on the Highway 4004 (Ranong-Pak Nam route) from Ranong municipality with a 1 km. right turn along a hillside road, the small beach stretches near the mouth of Maenam Kra Buri where various natural attractions such as Ko Song, Victoria Point, and several other cataracts are scattered. A marvellous scene of sunset can also be appreciated there. Accommodations of Jansom Thara Resort are available at Hat Chan Damri

Victoria Point (วิคตอเรียพอยท์) Right across Maenam La-un, opposite Ranong, is a small town of Burma, Victoria Point. Its main attractions are local products and souvenirs which are available for tourists with reasonable price. The place is accessible within half an hour by mean of boat which is available at Ranong Landing for about B 200-300, but prior immigration formality must first go through.

Ko Phayam (เกาะพยาม) This island is a two hours boat trip from Ranong Landing. It is a location of cashew plantation and many households of Chao Le Tribal people (sea gypsy).

In this area, there are many other islands suitable for fishing and diving; Ko Sin Hai, Ko Chang, etc. One can hire the boat from Paknam Ranong for about

B 1,500-2,000 per day, or contact tourist boat organized by Jansom Thara Hotel.

Amphoe Kra Buri

Royal Initials Rocks (ศิลาหลักพระปรมาภิไธย) about 86 kms. from town, are located in Tambon Pak Chan at kms. 525-526 which marks the connected land between Ranong and Chumphon provinces. During the royal visit on April 21, 1890 by King Rama V, who traveled with a procession of elephants and horses from Chumphon, his initials "Jor Por Ror" were inscribed on the rock. In 1959, King Rama IX and Queen Sirikit visited their subjects on March 7 and their initials "Phor Por Ror" and "Sor Kor" were carved on the rock as well.

Namtok Chum Saeng or Namtok Sai Rung (น้ำตกชุมแสงหรือน้ำตกสายรุ้ง) is located in Ban Pak Chan, Tambon Pak Chan, 80 kms. from the city area or 16 kms. from Amphoe Kra Buri. It can be reached by traveling along the Highway No. 4 (the route to Chumphon) and then turning left at kms. 529-530 to the laterite road for another 3 kms. Sai Rung which means a rainbow in named according to the splashing figure of the waterfall resulting from the strong hit of the powerful water against rocks.

Tham Phra Khayang (ถ้ำพระขยงค์) This big cave is located in the area of Amphoe Kra Buri, at km. 564 on

highway No. 4, 12 kms. from township area. An old legend links it to the establishment of Kra Buri town. Beautiful stalactite and stalagmite formations can be seen and it is said that there is Lek Lai (a special iron element believed to be elastic and flexible like wax) in this cave too.

Isthmus of Kra (คอคอดกระ) The narrowest part of the Malayan Peninsula is located here approximately at km. 545 on highway No. 4. The scenery visible from the view-point here is Maenam Kra Buri, the nature border line between Thailand and Myanmar.

Namtok Bokkrai (น้ำตกบกกทราย) This waterfall is located at km. 556-557 on highway No. 4, 3 kms. from Kra Buri township with another 13 kms. on the left side of the main road along the laterite road to the fall. Namtok Bokkrai has many steps with fascinating nature surrounding.

Amphoe La-un

Khao Fa Chi (เขาฟ้าชี) Located approximately at km. 580, turn right along the road about 5 kms. Khao Fa Chi is the panoramic view point, visible for La-un township, Maenam La-un and some islands, also located on this hill, the tele-communication centre.

Ruin Japanese Warship (ซากเรือรบญี่ปุ่น) On the left side of the bridge over Maenam La-un is the old Japanese Warship buried during the end of the Second World War.

The ruin can be seen during the low tide period. The area of Tambon Pak Chan was used by Japanese Army as the pier to supply war materials for its army in Burma during the Second World War.

Amphoe Kapoe

Laem Son National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติแหลมสน) occupies the total area of 315 sq.kms. from Amphoe Muang, Amphoe Kapoe in Ranong province to Amphoe Khura Buri in Phangnga province, including the islands in Andaman Sea ; Ko Kang Kao and Mu Ko Kam. The park office is situated on Hat Bang Ben, Mu 4, Tambon Muang Klang. From town, it can be reached by traveling along the Highway No. 4 (Ranong-Phangnga) for 45 kms. and then taking a right turn to the laterite road at km. 657 for another 10 kms.

At this national park, there are two seasons. The rainy season starts from May to November. The summer season begins in December and lasts until April.

Attractions in the area of the park are :

Hat Bang Ben (หาดบางเบน) is a long sandy beach occupying the large area. The pine forest provides shady place along the beach line overlooking the scenic view of scattering islands in the far sea.

Hat Laem Son (หาดแหลมสน) 4 kms. next to Hat

Bang Ben, is a clean white sandy beach. Various kinds of birds have gathered here. It is a suitable place for bird-watching.

Ko Khang Khao (เกาะค้างคาว) is an island with a white sandy beach. It takes 40 minutes to access the island by boat from Hat Bang Ben. Located in the northern part of this island is Hat Hin Ngam where a lot of round-shaped stones are found.

Ko Kam Tok or Ko Ao Khao Khwai (เกาะกำตกหรือเกาะอ่าวเขาควาย) has a curve-shaped inlet where the park protection unit in charge of guarding and providing facilitation to tourists is located. To reach the island, it takes 20 minutes by boat from Ko Khang Khao.

Ko Kam Yai (เกาะกำใหญ่) is a beautiful island covered with pure white sand nearly around its whole area. It is accessible by boat from Hat Bang Ben. The boat trip takes one hour and a half.

Ko Kam Nui (เกาะกำน้อย) is adjacent to Ko Kam Yai. The beach is available at one side of this island. Several islets have special close relations with the island.

Hat Praphat or Hat Hin Thung (หาดประพาสหรือหาดหินทุ่ง) is located in Mu 2, Tambon Kam Phuan. From the city area, travel along the Highway No. 4 (Ranong-Phangnga) for 90 kms., or 30 kms. from Amphoe Kapoe. Turn right at km. 702 to further trip on the laterite road

for another 3 kms. before reaching the park protection unit. This beach covers a wide area which has pine trees along the coastal line.

Accommodation and restaurants are available at Hat Bang Ben. Reservation can be made to the Chief of Laem Son National Park, Hat Bang Ben, Tambon Muang Klang, Amphoe Kapoe, Rangok 85120.

Namtok Khao Phra Narai (น้ำตกเขาพระนารายณ์) Situated about 3 kms. from the District Office. The surrounding area, including the fall, is lovely and peaceful with shady all around.

Khlong Nakha Wild Life Sanctuary (เขตรักษาพันธุ์สัตว์ป่าคลองนาคา) Located about 25 kms. from the district township area, at km. 685-686 on highway No. 4. Wildlife of different types and species are scattered all around this evergreen tropical forest, together with beautiful waterfall make the sanctuary even more attractive for nature-loving visitors.

Those who would like to visit this sanctuary need to contact for the permission at least 1 month in advance at the Wildlife Conservation Division, the Royal Forestry Department, Bang Khen, Tel. 5794847.

Accommodations (Area Code 077)

Amphoe Muang

Asia (เอเชีย) 39/9 Ruangrat Rd., Tel. 811113, 811177 No. of Rooms : 130, Rate : B 130-450.

Jansom Thara (จันทร์สมธรา) 2/10 Phetkasem Rd., Tel. 811511, 821511, Fax. 821821 Bkk. Resv. Tel. 4872610, 4354540, 4486096, Fax. 4486786 Telex. 68201 JSSPA TH No. of Room : 220, Rate : B 726-3,630.

Jansom Thara Resort (จันทร์สมธรา รีสอร์ท) Hat Chan Damri, Tel. 821611 Bkk. Resv. Tel. 4872610, 4354540, Fax. 4486786 No. of Rooms : 40, Rate : B 1,210.

Ranong Inn (ระนองอินน์) 29/9 Phetkasem Rd., Tel. 822777, 822815 No. of Rooms : 74, Rate : B 220-430.

Rattanasin (รัตนสิน) 226 Ruangrat Rd., Tel. 811242 No. of Rooms : 10, Rate : B 80-100.

Sin Ranong (สินระนอง) 26/23-4 Ruangrat Rd., Tel. 811454, 823750 Fax. 811454 No. of Rooms : 60, Rate : B 100-320.

Sinthawi (สินทวี) 81/1 Ruangrat Rd., Tel. 822771 No. of Rooms : 63, Rate : B 120-240.

Spa Inn (สปาอินน์) 25/1 Phetkasem Rd. Tel. 811715, 812091 No. of Rooms : 58, Rate : B 600-800.

Suk Sombun (สุขสมบูรณ์) 310 Saphan Pla Rd., Tel. 822351 No. of Rooms : 40, Rate : B 100-200.

Suriyanan (สุริยะนันท์) 281-3 Ruangrat Rd., Tel. 811420 No. of Rooms : 12, Rate : B 80-100.

Tanatwan Palace (อนันต์วรรณ พาเลซ) 16/7-8 Chon Ra-u Rd. Tel. 822807, 821857 Fax. 822808 No. of Rooms : 22, Rate : B 360-570.

Restaurants

Amphoe Muang

Esso (เอสโซ่) 2/25 Phetkasem Rd., Tel. 811607 (Thai, Chinese, Seafood)

Kanya House (กัญญา เฮาส์) 112/74 Tha Muang Rd., Tel. 822420 (Thai, Chinese)

Krua Ranong (ครัวระนอง) Spa Inn Hotel. Tel. 511715 (Thai, Chinese, European)

Namtan Cafe (น้ำตาลคาเฟ่) Jansom Thara Hotel, Tel. 821511 (Thai, Chinese, European)

Phai Daeng (ไผ่แดง) 5/13 Chon Ra-u Rd., Tel. 811916 (Thai, Chinese)

Runrom Wangthong (รุ่งรมวังทอง) 51/55 Saphan Pla Rd., Tel. 822406 (Thai, Chinese)

Sombun Phochana (สมบูรณ์โภชนา) 49/3 Ruangrat Rd., Tel. 811117, 822722 (Thai, Chinese)

Tanatwan Palace (อนันต์วรรณ พาเลซ) 16/7-8 Chon Ra-u Rd., Tel. 822807, 821857 (International)

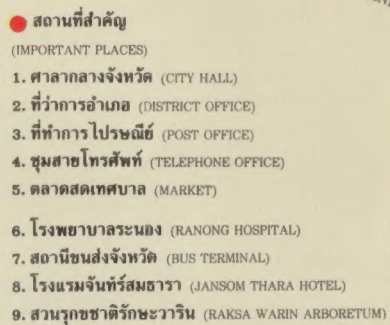
Amphoe Kra Buri

Kung Luang (ทุ่งหลวง) 7-9/1 Mu 2 Sut Sakhon Rd., Tel. 821492

Tha Rua (ท่าเรือ) 2-4 Sut Sakhon Rd., Tel. 821730

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